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**Otsego County Habitat for Humanity and Huron Pines AmeriCorps to hold a Donation Drive on
Tuesday May 11th as part of National AmeriCorps Week**

Have you ever walked out into your garage, up into your attic, or down into your basement and come face to face with items that you wish you could just get rid of? You know the items I'm talking about - those old windows that you don't want to throw away because someone could use them, or that dishwasher that works perfectly but didn't fit in with the kitchen after you remodeled it last year. We all have household items taking up space in our houses that we've been meaning to donate for months now, but just haven't gotten around to it.

That time is now! Otsego County Habitat for Humanity and Huron Pines AmeriCorps are offering you the opportunity to take part in a nationwide celebration of community service and volunteerism on Tuesday May 11th - all you have to do is finally donate your unwanted household items to the Otsego County Habitat for Humanity ReStore! This is the day that Huron Pines AmeriCorps and Otsego Habitat have set aside to collect donations as a way to celebrate national AmeriCorps Week and the power of volunteerism. It gets even easier – if those items sitting in your basement, attic or garage that are too big for you to bring to the ReStore



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yourself, call the ReStore and let them know that you have items to contribute to the May 11th donation drive. A Habitat employee and Huron Pines AmeriCorps member will come pick them up, if you live in Otsego County!

AmeriCorps Week, May 8th to 15th, is a recruitment and recognition campaign designed to bring more Americans into service, salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their powerful impact, and to thank the community partners who make AmeriCorps possible. AmeriCorps members take on the challenges their communities face, believe in the AmeriCorps motto of “Getting Things Done,” and are part of the solution. Michigan’s AmeriCorps programs are housed within nonprofit organizations, schools, or other agencies. Huron Pines AmeriCorps focuses on conserving the forests, lakes, and streams of Michigan’s northeast eleven counties. Members help non-profit organizations meet their goals to steward the region’s natural resources by serving in four key areas: volunteer engagement, habitat restoration, environmental stewardship, and through developing new conservation services. Through these efforts Huron Pines AmeriCorps is strengthening the organizations and communities they serve.

On Tuesday May 11th finally free up that space in your home by donating your items to the Otsego County Habitat for Humanity ReStore! By doing so you’re not only helping Huron Pines AmeriCorps to, “get things done” for your community, but you are also doing a good deed for the environment by keeping those items out of the landfill. Don’t dump it – donate and deduct it! For more information on what items the ReStore accepts and to make an appointment to have your items picked up on May 11th, call the ReStore at 989-732-6070. If items are small, and you can bring them in yourself, come by on May 11th to meet Huron Pines AmeriCorps members and learn more about what the program is doing to foster strong community service in northeast Michigan.

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